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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary, Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

Thank you for your leadership during these trying times. We appreciate all you are doing for the country to combat the Coronavirus and address the economic impact of this pandemic.

As a CPA, I am thankful for your quick leadership in extending deadline relief for tax payments, however, additional steps are needed to ensure that the American public and tax preparation professionals across the country are able to file accurately and on time. Nearly 60% of Americans rely on tax preparers to assist in the filing of annual tax returns. As businesses wisely operate under CDC guidelines concerning social distancing and move to remote workspaces and telework, it is simply impossible to expect that every taxpayer and tax advisor to prepare tax returns in time for an April 15 deadline. Although extensions are an option, they require additional action by the taxpayer or preparer. While I expect that many taxpayers will continue to file on time in order to receive refunds during this time of economic uncertainty, we must act to provide additional relief.

Accordingly, I encourage you to take immediate action to extend the filing deadline by 90 days to match the payment relief announced on Tuesday. We must take this commonsense step to relieve the stress of tax season during this unique time.

Again, I thank you for all your efforts for our country.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress